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Welcome to the March issue of *One Island* magazine. In this edition we include a four-page guide featuring important information about your council tax for 2011/2012, together with details about the council's budget for the year ahead and its key investment programme.

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20 April (6pm)

18 May (6pm)

15 June (6pm)

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12 April (6pm)

10 May (6pm)

21 June (6pm)

### Planning Committee

(council chamber)

22 March (6pm)

26 April (4pm)

24 May (4pm)

28 June (4pm)

### Audit Committee

(committee room one)

3 May (6pm)

29 June (6pm)

### Licensing and General Purposes Committee (committee room one)

28 March (4pm)

9 May (4pm)

13 June (6pm)

### Ethical Standards Committee

(committee room one)

4 April (6pm)

### Overview and Scrutiny Committee (committee room one)

12 May (5pm)

### Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel (committee room one)

13 April (5pm)

8 May (5pm)

### Economy and Environment Scrutiny Panel (committee room one)

27 April (5pm)

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14 April (5pm)

1 June (5pm)

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6 June (10am)



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## From penguins to Emmerdale!



**Tens of thousands of people are expected to take part in this year's 16-day Isle of Wight Walking Festival – the biggest festival of its kind in the UK.**

The 13th staging of the award-winning annual festival takes place from 7 to 22 May and will feature more than 240 different themed walks, ranging from the epic 72-mile coastal path walk to the popular speed-dating walk.



Details of all the walks can be found at [www.isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk), with programmes available on request from the website.

The launch day of the festival, Saturday 7 May, will be hosted by Seaview Wildlife Encounter, with live music, fancy dress, face painting for children, guided walks, a quiz trail and a chance to meet Dippy the Penguin.

One of the festival highlights will be *An Evening with Chris Chittell* (pictured below left) at Medina Theatre, Newport on Friday 13 May. Actor Chris is best known for his role as Eric Pollard, one of the most enduring characters in TV soap *Emmerdale*. Tickets cost £16 or £14 for concessions and can be booked from the theatre box office on 527020 or online at [www.medinatheatre.co.uk](http://www.medinatheatre.co.uk)

Chris will be supported by Joanna Hall, former ITV fitness expert, giving advice on walking health and vitality.

Also during the festival, on Sunday 15 May, the Walk the Wight annual fund raiser for Earl Mountbatten Hospice at Newport will take place. Walkers must register to take part in Walk the Wight, and can do so via [iwghospice.org/wtw](http://iwghospice.org/wtw)

Also don't forget the walking festival's popular Autumn Walking Weekend, which this year takes place from 21 to 24 October. The autumn programme will be available from August.

## New ratings display scheme for hygiene standards

**A new national scheme showing consumers the hygiene standards of food businesses is to be introduced across the Island from the end of this month.**

The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme is being run by the council's environmental health team and will build on the successful Scores on the Doors rating scheme that the council has been operating since 2007.

The new scheme, which will be run across the Island from 29 March, has been developed by the Food Standards Agency (FSA) in partnership with local councils in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

It provides clear information on food hygiene standards to help people to choose where to eat out or shop for food.

Food outlets, such as restaurants, takeaways and pubs, are inspected by the environmental health team, to check that their hygiene standards meet legal requirements. The hygiene standards



found at these inspections are rated on a scale ranging from zero at the bottom (which means 'urgent improvement necessary') to a top rating of five ('very good').

The new ratings will be available to view on the FSA website at [food.gov.uk/ratings](http://food.gov.uk/ratings) and the food business will be given a sticker and certificate to display at the entrance to its premises.

Around one million people suffer from food poisoning every year in the UK, and

the FSA's aim in developing the scheme is to reduce this level.

Amanda Gregory, the council's environmental health manager, said: "Although we have run our own successful food hygiene scheme, we have opted to change to the national scheme, as we can see the benefits for local food businesses and the people that eat or shop in them."

"Having a single scheme which is consistent nationwide means that the rating will have the same significance wherever people are buying food. The public will be able to use the information when deciding which food outlets to visit."

Catriona Stewart, head of the food hygiene ratings team at the FSA, said: "We recognise the real progress that has been made in improving hygiene standards in food outlets through 'local' food hygiene rating schemes. Having a nationwide scheme will mean a level playing field for businesses across the country."



## Crackdown on construction waste

The council has been tightening up on construction and demolition waste at Lynnbottom household waste recycling centre near Newport.

The site is not licensed to accept such waste, even from people bringing the waste from their own homes. Some people have been bringing in very large amounts of rubble from major property developments.

Since mid-February only limited amounts of rubble have been accepted at the site.

If you are unclear about what you can leave at the site, more information is available at the *iwight.com* website or from staff at Lynnbottom.

## Easter, royal wedding and May bank holiday refuse collections

(Week A recycling collections are in **bold**)

Refuse normally collected on	Will be collected on
<b>Fri 22 April</b> (bank holiday)	<b>Sat 23 April</b>
Mon 25 April (bank holiday)	Sat 30 April
Tues 26 April	Tues 26 April
Wed 27 April	Wed 27 April
Thur 28 April	Thur 28 April
<b>Fri 29 April</b> (bank holiday)	<b>Fri 6 May</b>
<b>Mon 2 May</b> (bank holiday)	Mon 9 May
<b>Tues 3 May</b>	<b>Tues 3 May</b>
<b>Wed 4 May</b>	<b>Wed 4 May</b>
<b>Thur 5 May</b>	<b>Thur 5 May</b>
<b>Fri 6 May</b>	<b>Fri 6 May</b>
Mon 30 May (bank holiday)	Tues 31 May
Tues 31 May	Wed 1 June
Wed 1 June	Thur 2 June
Thur 2 June	Fri 3 June
Fri 3 June	Sat 4 June



Thursday 5 May will see Island residents going to the polls in the first UK-wide referendum since the vote on the European Economic Community in June 1975.

The referendum will ask whether electors want to change the voting system for the UK parliament from the current first past the post system to the alternative vote system.

To help electors, the Electoral Commission will be sending to every household a booklet explaining the two voting systems and how they work. It is anticipated the booklet will be delivered by mid-April.

If you wish to exercise your right to vote at the referendum you will need to be registered as an elector. If you returned your registration form last summer then your name should be

## Get set for voting system referendum 5 May 2011

on the register, but you may check your entry by calling into County Hall, Newport, or by telephoning 821000.

There have been some minor changes to polling stations in some areas, so watch out for your poll card, which will be delivered to you in early April, and will give full details of your allocated polling station.

### Postal and proxy votes

Electors who wish to apply for a postal or proxy vote will need to do so in good time. The last date to amend an existing proxy or postal vote and to apply for a new postal vote is 14 April. The last date to apply for a new proxy vote is 21 April.

Information on all aspects of the referendum, as well as application forms for postal and proxy votes, will be available on the council's website at [www.iwight.com/referendum2011](http://www.iwight.com/referendum2011)

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## Final countdown to 2011 national census

Don't forget Sunday 27 March – the date of the 2011 national census across England and Wales.



The census takes place every ten years and provides data to estimate the number of people and households in each area.

The data also allows the Office for National Statistics to analyse if different population groups are improving or are disadvantaged, and helps towards key issues such as local council funding allocations.

For the 2011 census, you will be able to complete your answers online, return your questionnaire by post, or in some cases, have your questionnaire collected.

For more information on the census you can visit [www.census.co.uk](http://www.census.co.uk)

## Cycling festival 2011 - a date for the diary



The 2011 dates for the popular annual Isle of Wight Cycling Festival have been set – 17 to 25 September.

The 2011 festival – sponsored by Red Funnel, Wightlink, and the council – will feature a wide range of challenges and routes for

all cyclists, including the 70 mile Cycle the Wight event on Sunday 18 September and the Hills Killer Mountain Bike challenge on Sunday 25 September.

There will also be a festival launch event at Newport on Saturday 17 September, with activities including Go Ride training and family entertainment, plus the Classic Car Show.

On Sunday 25 September there will be the West Wight Triathlon, featuring a 600 metre pool swim, 35 kilometre cycle ride along the scenic Military Road in the West Wight, and a 7.5 kilometre run.

Event partners include the Island's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Unit, Matrix E-Business, Halfords, Island 2000, Wight Cycle Hire and Wight Mountain.

More information about the festival can be found at [www.sunseaandcycling.com](http://www.sunseaandcycling.com), or call the council's events team on 823070.



## Council achieves major savings with new grounds contract

A new grounds maintenance contract, saving the Isle of Wight Council hundreds of thousands of pounds a year, has been awarded to John O'Conner (Grounds Maintenance) Limited.

By combining a number of separate contracts, the council has been able to save in the region of £1.8 million over the life of the six year contract.

John O'Conner Grounds Maintenance will maintain all of the council's formal parks, esplanades, cemeteries and churchyards, highways' verges and some countryside areas. High horticultural standards

will be maintained for flower beds in all public areas.

John O'Conner, founder and chairman of John O'Conner (Grounds Maintenance) Ltd, said: "We are delighted to have been appointed by the Isle of Wight Council to deliver grounds maintenance across the Isle of Wight. We are proud to employ local staff and are committed to supporting the local economy, having invested in a range of new equipment from Island suppliers."

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# SCHOOL REPORT

The Island is in the midst of exciting times with the reshaping of its education structure.

The move to a new two-tier (primary and secondary) school system is continuing to schedule – and around the Island work is set to get underway on improvements and changes to various school sites.

The council is working closely with its framework partner, Willmott Dixon Construction, on the school site projects, ranging from entire new school builds to extensions/alterations and the installation of temporary mobile facilities.

Various schemes are subject to planning consent, but if approved, these will move ahead in the near future. It is hoped many will be underway from June this year. Funding is being provided centrally from the Department for Education.

A cornerstone of the partnership with Willmott Dixon is to create a skills legacy, generating jobs, investment and training opportunities linked to the various construction projects.

Project director for the council, Janet Newton, said: "To date, 31 per cent of our pre-construction spend on this project has been



**Pictured:** Project director Janet Newton (right) views plans at a recent bidders' event

Island-based, and the intention is to increase this significantly as the overall scheme progresses.

"A key ingredient has been to promote the importance of Island investment and jobs to potential bidders for all aspects of the construction projects.

"We are looking for contractor packages that include Island-based apprenticeships, work experience opportunities, school/college visits and workshops, and construction industry skills development and certification."

The projects (most subject to planning permission) include:

- new builds for a new Haylands Primary at the current Swanmore playing field site, and for St Francis Primary at the Ventnor Middle site;
- key extensions proposed for Nettlestone Primary, Binstead Primary, Niton Primary and Barton Primary;
- adaption and alteration works at a range of sites, including for the sixth form at Nodehill and proposed works at the Carisbrooke and Medina High School sites to accommodate Year 7 and 8 pupils for the Island Innovation Trust;
- mobile classrooms at some sites.

## Landmark project continues apace

Work is forging ahead on the construction of the new state of the art secondary school for Cowes.

The £30 million Cowes One School Pathfinder project – on the existing Cowes High site – is due to open for the 2012 academic year, and will provide a modern learning environment and asset for the whole community.

Visible progress can be seen on the site, as the council's partner for this project, PiHL, pushes ahead with the early phases

of the building project.

Project director for the council, Janet Newton, said: "We are creating what will be a truly inspiring learning environment for Cowes and its community."

The school will feature facilities such as an all-weather floodlit sports pitch, 650-seat conference centre/auditorium, multi-use games areas, a green gym, early years provision and outdoor amphitheatre – all for the community to enjoy when not in school use.



Find out more about the schools' reorganisation, the construction projects involving different sites and the Cowes One School Pathfinder scheme by visiting the websites at [www.iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com) and [www.eduwight.iow.gov.uk](http://www.eduwight.iow.gov.uk) (updates on progress will be regularly posted). You can also call 823458 for more information.

### School Report online!

An extended version of **School Report** is being created on the council's [iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com) website – supporting this new regular slot in **One Island**. Keep an eye on the website for developments.

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# Countdown to NatWest Island Games



gain experience and compete at this level."

The International Island Games were established in the Isle of Man in 1985 and today include 25 member islands in, or associated with: Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Norway, Spain, Sweden, the UK and the Caribbean.

The sports included in 2011 will be: archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, cycling, football, golf, sailing (including windsurfing), squash, swimming, shooting, table tennis, tennis and volleyball.

The event is being supported by the council, which is also a sponsor. Other supporters include: Wightlink, NHS Isle of Wight, Southern Vectis, Red Funnel, Hovertravel, Tourism South East, the Isle of Wight County Press and Isle of Wight Radio.

Support has also been received from the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games, which will be using the NatWest Island Games as a test bed for some of its sports officials involved in the Olympic programme.

The closing ceremony to the NatWest Island Games will be at Cowes Yacht Haven on Friday 1 July, following a parade through the town by the athletes.

To find out more you can visit [www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk](http://www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk)

**Pictured:** Some of the colourful costumes that will form part of the opening ceremony

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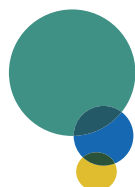
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Just three more months and the countdown will be over for the start of the 2011

NatWest Island Games – taking place at venues across the Isle of Wight from 25 June to 1 July.

More than 3,000 athletes and officials from 25 islands around the world are due to visit the Island for the event, expected to be the largest to date.

The opening ceremony will be a carnival-style extravaganza through the streets of Ryde on Saturday 25 June. It will feature 1,500 young people in colourful costume, representing 20 historic and folkloric chapters on the theme 'An Extraordinary Island'. The athletes from the various teams will also join the parade.

David Ball, chairman of the Island Games Association (Isle of Wight) – which is organising the event, said: "This really is a major sporting event attracting athletes from around the world who compete at international and world class level. For our own Island athletes it is a tremendous opportunity to



This four page budget special gives you an overview of how and where the council will direct its funds in the year ahead and what it means in terms of your council tax.

We also explain how you have helped shape our plans and how we are responding positively to your views through key projects.

On the final two pages we provide spending and council tax details for 2011/2012.

# BUDGET

On 23 February, the council agreed a budget of **£339.6 million** for the year ahead – including a **council tax freeze** for householders.

The budget was set against a backdrop of severe financial pressures caused by a loss of around £11 million in government grants and also rising costs and demands on services.

As a result, the council has had to find savings of more than £17 million for its 2011/2012 budget, with this total rising to £33 million over the next four years.

Because of this, the council has taken a fundamental look at the services it provides and also the way it provides them. This has included the way the council itself operates – resulting in savings of £11 million from efficiency measures within the organisation.

There has been a lot of debate over some of these changes to services – and some initial proposals have been amended following consultation.

The budget also includes increased investment in areas such as economic development, leisure centres, adult social care, looked after children and the highways PFI project.

In these pages, we feature some of the changes to the way services will be delivered and also highlight the areas chosen for increased investment.

## Highways PFI

The highways PFI (private finance initiative) project will be the largest engineering project ever undertaken on the Island and will bring significant regeneration, including major business and employment opportunities for the local economy.

The project will have a “fence to fence” approach, meaning that as well as all 800 kilometres of the Island’s highways and footways being treated, pavements, grass verges, street-lighting, CCTV networks and street furniture will also be improved and maintained. New ways of energy reduction and closer working with public utility companies will also be included in the project.

Substantial investment is required to prepare for the scheme – but the cost of preparation is a fraction of the total inward investment it is estimated the scheme will itself bring – up to £1 billion over its 25 year lifespan.

Currently, the council is in negotiation with three potential partners for the scheme. Work is due to start in spring 2013.



Including Hampshire Police Authority policing budget and priorities



**Above:** Full council tax details for 2011-2012 will appear in this booklet, due to be delivered to households in March





# SPECIAL

## Adult social care and vulnerable children

### Economic development



Helping secure inward investment to create jobs and also providing support to existing Island businesses is a key priority for the council. The budget allocates an additional £100,000 to do this in 2011/2012.

The council will also continue to work through the new Solent Local Economic Partnership (LEP) to promote the Island's economic interests regionally, nationally and internationally.

Recently, with the support of the Solent LEP, the council has applied for a £21 million grant from the Regional Growth Fund to create a Solent Offshore Energy Centre, that could lead to 600 new jobs.

The budget also sets aside £600,000 in each of the next two financial years to support the promotion of the Island as a tourism destination.



Because of the nature of the Island's population, the cost of providing adult social care is rising year on year. This means in 2011/2012 the adult social care budget will rise by £2.7 million, by £3 million in 2012/2013 and by £5.5 million the year after that.

The council will also be increasing its budget provision for looked after children by £500,000 in 2011/2012 and £600,000 in 2012/2013.

Provision for safeguarding will rise by £500,000 for each of the coming two financial years.

### Leisure centres



The council is due to invest in Medina and The Heights leisure centres to increase the range of activities available at both.

These improvements will help promote healthy lifestyles and are designed to increase usage, contributing to the future viability of both Medina (at Newport) and The Heights (at Sandown). There will also be continued support for the trust which runs West Wight Sports Centre.

### Other areas of investment

- A £100,000 fund to support public transport needs.
- £3.47 million for the Supporting People programme in each of the next three years.
- £500,000 to support the schools' re-organisation project in 2011/2012 and £200,000 the year after.
- £860,000 for housing disabled facility grants in each of the next three years.

## How has the council saved money?

Around £11 million of the savings required next year have been found by the council looking to operate as a smaller and more efficient organisation. This has meant more than 500 jobs have been put at risk. As part of this the council has reduced the number of senior management posts by more than a third from 103 to 65 and there has been a corresponding reduction in principal officer posts.

The council is also exploring ways of sharing services with other authorities to further reduce staffing costs.

The financial pressure has been such that not all the savings can be found from back office, management and administration costs and some services for the public have also been affected.

In some cases the council has been able to retain a number of services that had previously been earmarked for curtailment or closure. This is thanks to the efforts of community groups and organisations that are willing to work with the council to take on these services.

Some of the more high profile services to be affected are shown below – for details of other areas involved, please visit [iwight.com](http://iwight.com)

### Libraries

As a result of consultation, the council has given its commitment to retaining six of its 11 libraries and also to give more time and assistance to community groups who have expressed an interest in running the other five.

It was also agreed that where viable, the council would lease its library buildings at a preferential rate to groups looking to continue to run community libraries from these sites.



### Waterside Pool and lifeguards

The council is keen to see Waterside Pool at Ryde remain open outside of its control and is working with a community group to achieve this. The budget has set aside £100,000 to support a viable plan to keep the facility open.

The council is also earmarking £25,000 to support community organisations in training beach lifeguards.



### Public conveniences

Following consultation, it has been agreed that up to 52 of the Island's 67 public conveniences will remain open with the council directly running 34. These changes will bring savings of £90,000 in 2011/2012 and £250,000 the year after.

The council has tried to retain those toilets that are most important to residents and visitors.



## Your council tax

Your council tax for 2011/2012 has been frozen at the same rate as in 2010/2011. Here we explain:

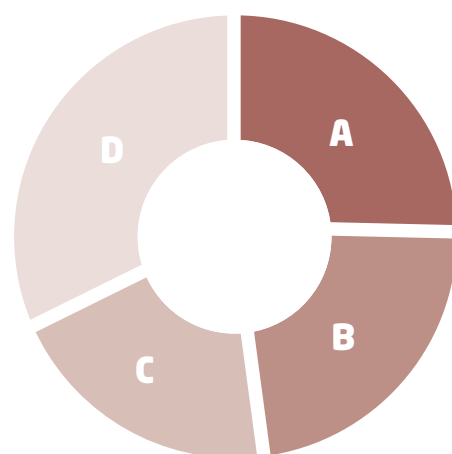
- where the council's money comes from and how your council tax contributes to our overall funding (alongside government grants, income generation and contributions);
- where we will spend our funds in 2011/2012;
- the major factors that affect what you pay;
- what the council tax for your particular property band is.

We also show the contribution towards your parish or town area and the element relating to the Hampshire Police Authority.

## Where the money comes from

The money the council uses to provide services comes from sources including:

- formula grant from the government;
- the council tax;
- core grants for specific services and projects;
- income from charging and contributions for certain services;
- dedicated schools' grant;
- other grants including council tax freeze grant.



- A** Dedicated schools' grant  
25.4% (£86,348,000)
- B** Council tax and council tax freeze grant  
21.6% (£73,240,000)
- C** Formula grant and core grants  
21.2% (£71,948,000)
- D** Fees, charges, contributions and other grants  
31.8% (£108,100,000)



## Where the money will go in 2011/2012

	This year £'000	Last year <sup>1</sup> £'000
Adult social services	60,454	57,696
Housing services <sup>2</sup>	72,821	72,985
Schools' budgets	95,178	95,516
Children's services	34,516	36,442
Fire service	7,441	7,704
Environmental services	2,182	2,348
Community safety	4,439	4,896
Street and beach cleansing	2,020	2,033
Waste management	9,067	8,434
Highways (including Private Finance Initiative)	10,298	9,827
Car parking <sup>3</sup>	1,915	2,010
Street lighting	869	929
Public transport support	6,608	6,813
Planning and development control	3,535	3,972
Recreation and sport	4,795	5,448
Parks and open spaces	2,436	2,713
Economic and tourism development	1,708	1,986
Cultural, leisure and libraries	4,923	5,448
Other services	9,332	10,167
Other financing	5,099	21,072
<b>Gross expenditure</b>	<b>339,636</b>	<b>358,419</b>
Less grants and other income	-204,589	-216,381
<b>Net budget requirement</b>	<b>135,047</b>	<b>142,038</b>

<sup>1</sup>Due to fundamental changes in local authority funding (formula grant and specific grants) the 2010/2011 budget has been adjusted to allow a proper comparison between the two years.

<sup>2</sup>The housing services figure includes housing benefits expenditure for which government subsidy (included with grants and other income) is received.

<sup>3</sup>The car parking figure represents expenditure on the service; income is included in the line with grants and other income.

## Four factors that affect what you pay

### 1. The level of tax set by the Isle of Wight Council

The level of tax set by the council to cover the cost of services it will provide in 2011/2012 is the same as in 2010/2011. By setting a zero increase the council will receive a grant equivalent to a 2.5 per cent increase.

### 2. The property band you are in

The value of your property, on 1 April 1991, will have been assessed by the independent listing officer, a central government agent. Your property will then have been placed in one of eight bands – your bill will show which one.

Band	Value of property 1.4.1991	Proportion of band D	Council tax (Isle of Wight Council element)
A	Up to £40,000	6/9	£859.87 (£716.56*)
B	£40,001 to £52,000	7/9	£1,003.18
C	£52,001 to £68,000	8/9	£1,146.49
D	£68,001 to £88,000	9/9	£1,289.80
E	£88,001 to £120,000	11/9	£1,576.42
F	£120,001 to £160,000	13/9	£1,863.04
G	£160,001 to £320,000	15/9	£2,149.67
H	Over £320,000	18/9	£2,579.60

\*Disabled reduction

### 3. The level of spending set independently by the Hampshire Police Authority

The element of council tax that relates to the Hampshire Police Authority is unchanged from 2010/2011. The Hampshire Police Authority also receives a grant equivalent to a 2.5 per cent increase.

### 4. Charges for local services

Your bill includes an amount towards the cost of the town or parish council for the area in which you live.

## Council, police, parishes and towns

This table shows the combined costs for a band D council tax payer. The figures include the Isle of Wight Council, the Hampshire Police Authority and the Island's town and parish councils.

	£ Per band D property	£ Total 2011- 2012	£ Total 2010- 2011
Isle of Wight Council	1,289.80	71,510,381	71,154,397
Hampshire Police Authority	146.25	8,108,539	8,068,174
<b>Parish/town councils</b>			
Arreton	18.24	7,172.00	6,520.00
Bembridge	56.26	117,000.00	97,000.00
Brading	67.51	56,775.00	45,500.00
Brighstone	19.90	16,596.00	16,596.00
Calbourne	26.26	10,500.00	9,339.00
Chale	30.41	8,600.00	8,600.00
Cowes	20.22	86,700.00	86,700.00
East Cowes	33.10	82,324.00	67,324.00
Fishbourne	20.73	8,638.00	7,638.00
Freshwater	38.76	98,469.00	60,945.00
Gatcombe	37.31	7,530.15	7,382.50
Godshill	23.77	14,500.00	14,500.00
Gurnard	39.69	32,000.00	32,000.00
Havenstreet and Ashey	22.10	7,778.00	8,600.00
Lake	19.51	37,500.00	25,000.00
Nettlestone and Seaview	17.47	29,910.00	29,540.00
Newchurch	12.99	14,380.00	11,000.00
Newport	15.75	127,245.00	127,257.00
Niton and Whitwell	12.38	12,200.00	12,200.00
Northwood	12.47	11,228.00	11,114.00
Rookley	23.82	6,130.00	6,130.00
Ryde	36.30	319,800.00	200,000.00
Sandown	44.33	115,000.00	100,450.00
Shalfleet	37.09	27,849.00	24,636.00
Shanklin	34.72	127,980.50	108,974.00
Shorwell	17.71	6,000.00	6,000.00
St Helens	37.19	21,650.00	12,500.00
Totland	29.46	40,277.00	33,846.00
Ventnor	48.79	135,000.00	149,466.00
Whippingham	30.90	10,759.00	10,750.00
Wootton Bridge	38.61	57,800.00	47,800.00
Wroxall	15.26	10,350.00	9,850.00
Yarmouth	38.47	20,318.00	18,471.00

# Investing in Communities

# ASDA

**ASDA stores are very much at the heart of the communities they serve. We always aim to recruit colleagues locally thereby bringing wages and their associated economic benefits to the communities around our stores.**

- ASDA employs over 180,000 colleagues in the UK.
- All ASDA colleagues receive a contributory pension, an ASDA discount card and have the opportunity to join our sharesave scheme.
- We recruit on aptitude and personality, before training colleagues to develop their skills via a range of in-house and on the job development programmes.
- ASDA's Young Retailer programme offers City & Guilds accredited apprenticeships to 15,000 ASDA colleagues and, in partnership with local schools and colleges, structured work experience to young people still in education.
- For new stores, we set up Local Employment Partnerships in conjunction with Jobcentre Plus to encourage long term unemployed people back into the labour market.
- Every year, ASDA colleagues spend around 50,000 hours volunteering, supporting and raising money for community projects and charities in their local areas.



For more information visit  
[www.asda.com](http://www.asda.com)



# News from The Island's NHS

## £1.2 million baby unit opened

The new £1.2 million Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St Mary's Hospital, Newport was recently officially opened by the Island's High Sheriff, Peter Kingston.

The opening ceremony acknowledged the hard work and generosity of those who supported the project and the Barely Born fund raising appeal, launched in April 2008.

The spacious modern unit accommodates the needs of mothers, babies and their families – and includes play facilities, overnight accommodation for parents, and a quiet/counselling room. The unit also gives doctors and nurses the space to provide specialist and family centred care for up to 11 babies.

You can still contribute to the Barely Born Appeal by visiting [www.barelyborn.co.uk](http://www.barelyborn.co.uk) or telephoning 552264.

The Windows of Life project continues to provide additional funds for the unit and those wishing to donate to the appeal can purchase symbolic leaves, apples or doves and have either their names or family member names inscribed on them. The windows will be a permanent part of the unit.

To find out more about the work of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit visit [www.iow.nhs.uk/nicu](http://www.iow.nhs.uk/nicu)

*Pictured: (Left to right) Gill Kennett, associate director child, family, and therapy services; Danny Fisher, chairman; Peter Kingston, High Sheriff*

## Your health services in transition

The government has announced significant changes to the way the NHS is organised.

The changes mean the NHS on the Island will need to separate the commissioner and provider arms that make up the current Primary Care Trust (PCT).

The new system will put a local consortium of GP practices in charge of commissioning services. The change acknowledges that GPs are often the first port of call for patients and are well placed to understand the needs of local people.

The consortium will be supported by an independent national NHS Commissioning Board. Public health will become the responsibility of a national Public Health Service alongside local councils.

On the Island a single commissioning consortium has been set up, managed by six GPs elected by their colleagues.

Over the next two years the PCT will work closely with the

GP commissioning consortium to ensure a smooth transition to the new arrangements. From April 2013 the Isle of Wight PCT will no longer exist and the GP consortium will have budgets and hold contracts with health service providers.

When the Island's commissioning and provider services are separated there will be a need to ensure the future provider of healthcare services to the Island, can stand alone financially – and deliver clinically safe services.

To achieve this, the aim is to establish an NHS Trust for the Island as the provider, which in due course may become a Foundation NHS Trust.

In preparation for the new arrangements much thought is being given to those services that are most important to provide on the Island; those that might require subsidies to support them; and those that might be provided through partner organisations.

## Join the Patient Panel



Patients and the public are the most important people in the health service.

To help ensure it is providing the best quality care, NHS Isle of Wight wants to involve patients and members of the public in what it does as much as possible. Patient and public involvement is about making improvements to patient care by enabling patients to have their say in how they are treated and how services are run.

If you are interested in joining the Patient Panel or would like more information please contact Jo Cram, communications and engagement assistant, St Mary's Hospital, tel: (01983) 822099, ext: 5703, or email: [jo.cram@iow.nhs.uk](mailto:jo.cram@iow.nhs.uk)

If you would prefer to be part of an independent monitoring body, the Local Involvement Network may be for you. To contact them, tel: 0300 111 0102, website: [www.makesachange.org.uk](http://www.makesachange.org.uk), email: [isleofwightLINK@makesachange.org.uk](mailto:isleofwightLINK@makesachange.org.uk)

A Local Involvement Network (LINK) is a network of local people and groups who have joined forces to improve health and social care services by listening to people.

# Changes to housing benefit

## (from April 2011)

### The government is changing the Local Housing Allowance and housing benefit rules from the start of April.

If you are in receipt of housing benefit (and in some instances council tax benefit), or are likely to be a future claimant, it is important you check how these changes may affect you.

Below are some of the key changes:

- Ending the maximum £15 weekly housing benefit excess that some customers can receive under the Local Housing Allowance arrangements.
- Increasing non-dependant deductions by a higher amount than normal for a period of three years, reversing the freeze in rates since 2001/2002.
- Removing the five bedroom Local Housing Allowance rate so that the maximum level is for a four bedroom property.
- Making a change to help a disabled person who has a carer who stays overnight, but does not live with them.
- Reducing all Local Housing Allowance rates so that about three in ten properties for rent in an area should be affordable to people on housing benefit, rather than every five in ten properties as now. If you are making a **new claim** for housing benefit or **moving home**, these changes will affect you from 1 April 2011. Temporary protection of nine months may be applied on the Local Housing Allowance anniversary to existing claimants. The Valuation Office Agency provides an indication of what the levels of Local Housing Allowance might look like under these proposed changes. To find out more you can visit [www.voa.gov.uk/LHADirect/LHA\\_percentile\\_rates.htm](http://www.voa.gov.uk/LHADirect/LHA_percentile_rates.htm)

Other major changes being proposed, include:

- from April 2012 there will be an increase in the age threshold in which the shared room rate is to apply for housing benefit from 25 to 35 years;
- from 2013 Local Housing Allowance levels will be up-rated to take into account the consumer price index rather than local rent changes;
- from April 2013 housing benefit will be restricted for those living in the social sector – specifically for working age claimants living in property larger than their needs.

### More information

To help people understand the changes, a series of questions and answers, together with other useful information, can be viewed at [www.iwight.com/council/departments/revenues/Benefits/2benefits.asp](http://www.iwight.com/council/departments/revenues/Benefits/2benefits.asp)

You can also find out more information by visiting

[www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk)



# A helping hand for vulnerable adults



**A new partnership has been set up to help improve the lives of vulnerable adults on the Island...**

**A**n innovative partnership is set to make a real difference to meeting the needs of vulnerable adults across the Island.

The new 'user led organisation' will help vulnerable adults to shape services so they

genuinely meet their everyday needs.

The partnership – Age Concern Isle of Wight, the Isle of Wight Society for the Blind, Johns Club and Older Voices – will help older people; people living with a physical or learning disability or impairment;

people with mental health needs; anyone receiving a personal budget; and family and informal carers.

As well as campaigning for support for vulnerable people, the new organisation will work with other groups to provide:

- information and advice to help people make informed choices;
- a voice for people who aren't able to speak out for themselves;
- support for people to manage their personal budgets;
- help for those working with adults with support needs.

Jo Dare, chief officer for Age Concern Isle of Wight, said: "This user led organisation will be run by and for its members, and will ensure people can shape services so they live a life they choose."

## *'A user led organisation is all about people'*

The partnership was selected to run the new organisation by a panel of representatives including the Isle of Wight Council, and was chosen from among five high quality bidders.

Under the new arrangement, the council lists the outcomes to be achieved, and the user led organisation is tasked to deliver them in an effective and innovative way. Grant funding of up to £140,000 is made available for the project over a period of two years.

Jo Dare said: "We are enormously proud to have been entrusted with the development of a user led organisation for the Island."

The new organisation started from 1 January this year, and has already recruited two part-time development officers to take the organisation forward, and has organised user involvement events to let people know what is happening and how they can join.

Barry Kemp, one of the new development officers, said: "We will engage and involve as many potential partners as possible – from voluntary, public and independent sectors – to ensure the organisation truly reflects all adults with disabilities and older people.

"A user led organisation is all about people, and we believe that the organisation should be run by its members for its members. Hopefully, once we have established the organisation this approach will take it beyond the initial two years of its work and into the future."



Island  
Insulation  
Scheme



# Island Insulation Scheme

# special offer

now available

The Island Insulation Scheme is a home insulation scheme offering loft and cavity wall insulation to local residents who own their own home or rent from a private landlord. It is supported by the Isle of Wight Council and delivered by E.ON and Island-based contractor, Mark Group.





The standard cost of insulation has recently been **reduced to the very special price of only £99\*** for householders aged 60 to 69 and for all households with a resident child aged 18 and under.

\*Please visit [www.homeheatseekers.co.uk/iwight/prices](http://www.homeheatseekers.co.uk/iwight/prices) for full terms and conditions

For householders aged over 70 or on eligible benefits, insulation will be installed free of charge and for any household not mentioned above, prices start from £150.

Loft and cavity wall insulation can **save as much as £340 per year** on fuel and is the most effective means of reducing heating costs.

This offer is only available while funding lasts – so if you're interested, act now by booking a free, no-obligation survey at [www.iwight.com/islandinsulation](http://www.iwight.com/islandinsulation) or call **0800 015 2475**.

For more information please contact [jim.fawcett@iow.gov.uk](mailto:jim.fawcett@iow.gov.uk)

In partnership with:



# You said, we did...

## Your local Safer Neighbourhoods teams working with t

**You said:** Tackle anti-social behaviour and improve activities for young people.

**We did:** Young footballers teamed up with police and a professional league club to tackle perceptions of anti-social behaviour.

The West Wight Safer Neighbourhoods team at Yarmouth Police Station invited AFC Bournemouth to support a project to provide positive activities for young people.

Qualified football coaches from the professional League One club visited West Wight Youth Club at Moa Place, Freshwater regularly during the autumn and winter to hold training sessions. Initial interest grew to a point where more than 50 young people, aged ten to 18, turned up for the training.

This response to the project was a catalyst for funding of £100 from Freshwater Parish Council. The dedication shown by 30 of these young people was rewarded with a visit to AFC Bournemouth's home ground, Dean Court, where they met the club's disability and social inclusion officer Russell Beardsmore (a former Manchester United player), and watched a home game against Hartlepool.

Sergeant Mark Lyth of the West Wight Safer Neighbourhoods team said: "Anti-social behaviour has been one of the community's top policing priorities. There may be misunderstandings or perceptions about the behaviour of young people. There may be a small minority who cause trouble, but the vast majority are energetic and enthusiastic in looking for activities and facilities within their local community."

He thanked all the families involved in the West Wight project, as well as AFC Bournemouth, local parish councils, the Community Safety Partnership, bus operator Southern Vectis and ferry company Wightlink for their support.



Above: Youngsters from West Wight Youth Club visit AFC Bournemouth as part of a safer neighbourhoods initiative





## the community

**You said:** Reduce shoplifting in Newport town centre.

**We did:** Police are thanking businesses for their support in tackling thieves during the busy Christmas shopping season in Newport. Shoplifting offences in the town centre fell from 35 in November 2010 to 12 in December 2010. Police increased high visibility foot patrols in and around shops as part of a dedicated operation.

Sergeant Ken Crosby of the Newport Safer Neighbourhoods team said:

"We adapted our tactics so there were more high visibility patrols, rather than plain clothes officers on duty.

Businesses belonging to the Newport Shopwatch scheme communicated with each other and the police through a specific radio system, which allowed problems and suspects to be reported and targeted swiftly."



For more information about your local Safer Neighbourhoods team, phone 101 or visit [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk) and type in your postcode.

**Above: Members of Newport Safer Neighbourhoods team and Newport Shopwatch celebrate a successful anti-shoplifting campaign**

### Volunteering to keep your community safe

Finding the strength to face the consequences of crime is the mission of a campaign that has growing support on the Isle of Wight.

The independent charity, Victim Support, is recruiting more volunteers who can give free and confidential help to people directly affected by the actions of criminals.

Students from the Isle of Wight College and RedTIE Theatre Group had makeup applied to their faces as part of an advertising campaign to highlight the physical and psychological harm caused by different offences.

Volunteers are vital to Victim Support's efforts to provide reassurance and resolve to people whose lives become difficult and disrupted because of traumatic events. Without volunteers, Victim Support could not continue to do all its positive work for victims and witnesses.

New volunteers are needed to maintain the very best possible support. For more information, phone (01983) 533688 or visit [www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk)



**Above: Students took part in an advertising campaign to highlight the trauma caused by criminal offences**

### Helping to understand local issues

Would you like to be part of a group that helps police officers understand local issues? The police on the Island are recruiting members of the community for independent advisory groups (IAGs), which meet at least four times a year.

Volunteer group members will be called upon to advise during major investigations, explore community issues and question police practices and policies.

We are looking for anyone who is not connected to the police service in any way. You do not need any qualifications or experience, just the willingness to have a voice in your community. As a member of our panel you will be vital in giving us an impartial view on a variety of issues.

Call or email us for an application form and notes – email: [iag@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:iag@hampshire.pnn.police.uk), tel: 02380 604755 (leave a message and we'll send you a pack).

Rev Adrian Redfearn, minister at Castlehold Baptist Church, Newport, said: "Since joining the IAG, I have found the police genuinely willing to listen to civilian members. It has also opened my eyes to how much more the police are doing for Island residents than I had realised."





## Brading Down

### the Island's new local nature reserve

At the start of this month, Brading Down became the seventh Local Nature Reserve to be designated on the Island – and the first since 1993.

Here we take a look at the fascinating history, wildlife and geology of the scenic down

Located towards the eastern end of the Island's central chalk ridge, Brading Down has long been one of the Island's most popular sites for countryside recreation, picnicking and wildlife watching.

On 1 March it became the Island's seventh Local Nature Reserve, joining the other council-managed sites at Afton Marsh, Rew Down, Dodnor Creek, Shide Chalk Pit, Sibden Hill and Batts Copse.

Local Nature Reserves are designated places with wildlife and geological features of special local interest, giving people the chance to study, learn about and enjoy the sites.

Brading Down has natural beauty in abundance. It offers spectacular panoramic views across Brading Marsh towards St Helens to the north, to Culver Down to the east, and the Bay area and Arreton Valley to the

south and south west.

Four miles of footpaths and bridleways wind their way across the down, offering the chance to see buzzards climbing on thermals rising from the valley below, kestrels scouting grassland for small mammals, and wild flowers attracting butterflies and insects.

The thin chalk soils to the east of the site support typical downland plants such as the pyramidal orchid – the Island's county flower – a particular feature in the summer. The area is also very good for butterflies including the common blue, small, large and dingy skippers, marbled white, gatekeeper and meadow brown.

The site is also known to support nationally rare species including birds such as the linnet and yellowhammer, butterflies such as the chalkhill blue and white-letter hairstreak, and rare plants including

bastard toadflax and dwarf mouse-ear.

In addition to the special biodiversity of the chalk downland, there is an ancient field system on Brading Down – the finest of its kind on the Island and a Scheduled Ancient Monument. This is likely to be of

late Iron Age or Roman date and highlights the last time the fields were ploughed. The disused quarries and views over Brading Roman Villa and Sandown Levels reinforce the historical significance of the area.

Originally the down was owned by the Oglander Estate, and much of the land was used for manorial common

grazing during medieval times. The first record of grazing on the down dates from 1270, and this continued right up until the



mid 1900s, when the whole of the down was open and grazed and commoners' rights were still in existence (see *historic postcard above*).

From the 1960s onwards, levels of grazing gradually declined and eventually resulted in a loss of the ancient rights and the growth of scrub.

The former Isle of Wight County Council acquired the site in the 1980s and set to work



**Main picture:** Looking south from Brading Down  
**Inset:** An old postcard showing the view east to Culver Down





**Pictured:** Spotted burnet moth

removing the scrub, which was beginning to crowd out the special chalk grassland species associated with the downland. Fencing was also installed, so the site could be grazed once again.

Grazing for conservation is the main method of management employed on the site today. Cattle are usually on site during the winter months and do an important job in keeping down new scrub growth. The invasive plant ragwort is normally hand pulled during the summer.

The new Local Nature Reserve designation confirms the importance of Brading Down in terms of biodiversity and recreational value, and will help secure future funds from external sources for its management.

The designation is under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, which gives principal local authorities such as the Isle of Wight Council the power to acquire, declare and manage Local Nature Reserves.

The process leading to the designation of the down has involved formal consultation with Natural England, local communities and other interested parties.

### *Find out more about Brading Down*

Thanks to Brading Town Council, there is a wealth of educational material available for learning about the reserve and the surrounding landscape.

There are six leaflets – part of the 'Look, Imagine, Discover!' project – to help explore the character, history and ecology of the reserve.

There are also many opportunities for circular walks from the down, with good footpath links to both Brading town and Brading Roman Villa.

The 'Look Imagine Discover!' leaflets can be downloaded from [www.bradingtowncouncil.org.uk/downs.php](http://www.bradingtowncouncil.org.uk/downs.php)



**Pictured:** Cattle are usually on Brading Down in the winter months

## NATURE NOTES



**Pictured:** Wood spurge

According to the calendar, spring is just about upon us. Gorse has been in bloom through most of the winter, its golden yellow pea flowers bright against the grey green spiny foliage, and wild daffodils or 'lent lilies' are in full flower in some of the woods. New growth has been pushing through the carpet of last year's leaf litter for a number of weeks. Walking in woodlands, you may notice a pungent aroma arising from the leaves of wild garlic as they are crushed under your feet. Woodland plants generally bloom early to complete their flowering and seed production before the woodland floor becomes shaded as the trees come into leaf.

Wood spurge is frequently found in woods, but also in hedge banks and on coastal cliffs. Early in the season, the red stems grow upwards from the ring of greyish green leaves. The buds unfurl to produce whorls of yellowish green bracts, each of which carries two stalked simple flowers, giving rise to the plant's local name of 'cups and saucers'. More uncommon on the Island is wood-sorrel. The flowers, which are borne singly on delicate stems, have lilac-veined white petals. The leaves, bright green above and purplish below, are made up of three heart-shaped leaflets.

As the days lengthen and become warmer, the star-like white flowers of wood anemone, tinged pink on the underside will begin to bloom and nod gently on the breeze, and the call of the first cuckoo arriving from Africa will echo across the countryside.

*Anne Marston, assistant ecology officer*

### *Seasonal guide to wildlife gardening*

The nesting season is underway and watching birds raising their young is fascinating.

But remember they don't always choose nest boxes. They may decide to build in discarded containers and in the thick growth of climbing plants such as ivy. Check there are no nests before you do any tidying up, as it is illegal to disturb a bird on its nest.



## ACTIVITIES

### Open Evening (17 May, 29 June)

Find out about courses for school-leavers starting in September, and part-time courses for adults, Isle of Wight College and F6rm, Newport, 4pm to 8pm.

### Used Sheet Music Sale and Coffee Morning (28 May)

At St Alban-the-Martyr Church, Upper Ventnor, 10.30am to 12 noon, all proceeds for the organ fund.

### The Secret Gardens of St Helens (26 June)

Tour of selected gardens of St Helens, 2pm to 5.30pm, tickets £4 per adult, under-12s free, contact Jane Askham, tel: 873143.

## EXHIBITIONS

### At the End of a Rainbow (19-20 March)

20th century Isle of Wight pottery exhibition, displays from more than 30 makers, photographs, information, slide-show, at Canna Room, Ventnor Botanic Garden, 10am to 5pm, admission free.

### Bembridge Art Society, Spring Exhibition (22-24 April)

Exhibition of paintings and demonstrations by members, Bembridge Village Hall, 9.30am to 5pm.

### Bembridge Art Society, Art and Crafts Day (30 May)

Variety of arts and crafts on display and for sale, Bembridge Village Hall, 10am to 4.30pm.

### Four Artists in the Frame (6-13 June)

Paintings by Becky Samuelson and Kate Bolton, Treen by Mark Konig and ceramics

by Sally Woodford, at Ventnor Botanic Garden, 10am to 5pm.

## FAIRS & SHOWS

### Memorial Ploughing Match (3 April)

Classes for trailer, general purpose, semi-digger, match ploughs and horse ploughing, also an Isle of Wight Traction Engine Club event to raise funds for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice, Newport, at Atherfield, 9am to 5pm, contact Karen Sheath, tel: 07922 783091, or visit [www.memorialploughingmatch.co.uk](http://www.memorialploughingmatch.co.uk)

### Craft Fair (16 April)

All items handcrafted by local people, Town Lane Hall, Newport, 10am to 3.30pm.

### Wolverton Manor Food and Folk Festival (29 May)

Live music and a celebration of the Island's finest locally produced food at Wolverton Manor, with a food market showcasing Island suppliers and producers, live folk music from acoustic duos to electric bands, real ale beer tent, cream teas and children's activities.

### Shorwell Midsummer Fair (18 June)

Traditional village fair, attractions, stalls, activities, falconry and dog displays, Northcourt, Shorwell, 1pm to 5pm, free parking.

## MEETINGS

### Isle of Wight branch of the British Cactus and Succulent Society (monthly)

Meeting on the second Saturday each month, Church Close Community Centre, Wootton, 7pm to 10pm.



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### Vectis Branch of the Submariners' Association (monthly)

Meeting on the fourth Wednesday in each month, Camp Hill Prison Officers' Club, Newport, 7.30pm.

### Isle of Wight Orchid Society (monthly)

Meeting on the third Monday in each month, Riverside Centre, Newport, 7.30pm.

## MUSIC

### Spring Equinox Evening (19 March)

An evening of music, dance and poetry to celebrate the awakening of spring, featuring Paul Armfield, the Bloodstone Border Morris team, Cephalodidge and Beachcomber, at Porchfield and Newtown Village Hall, Porchfield, 7pm to midnight, tickets £6, advanced booking essential, contact Becky Haydock, tel: 07969 735728.

### Meditations on the Passion (13 April)

A concert of words and music by St Alban's Choir and Friends, at St Alban-the-Martyr Church,

2.30pm, contact box office, tel: 527020.

### Patronal Festival Sung Mass (26 June)

Guest preacher Mother Rita Elizabeth of the Sisters of Bethany, at St Alban-the-Martyr Church, Upper Ventnor, 10am.

## TALKS

### Matthew Boulton (13 April)

A talk to the Isle of Wight branch of the Historical Association, by Dr Malcolm Dick, University of Birmingham, at the Parish Centre, Town Lane, Newport, 7.30pm, visitors welcome, contact Terry Blunden, tel: 524410.

### A Family Affair: Florence and the House of Medici (21 April)

A NADFAS lecture by Jo Walton, Medina Theatre, Newport, 8pm, coffee and bar from 7.15pm, visitors

£6, students £2, contact Judith Hook, tel: 854322.

### Art and the Garden (26 May)

A NADFAS lecture by Twigs Way, Medina Theatre, Newport, 8pm, coffee and bar from 7.15pm, visitors £6, students £2, contact Judith Hook, tel: 854322.

### The British Seaside (16 June)

A NADFAS lecture by Jean Marsh-Hobbs, Medina Theatre, Newport, 8pm, coffee and bar from 7.15pm, visitors £6, students £2, contact Judith Hook, tel: 854322.

## THEATRE

### I Remember You (14-16 April)

Curtain Up Amateur Dramatic Society presents a celebration of Johnny Mercer and his music, by John Denby, Memorial Hall, Freshwater, 7.30pm, tel: 752956.

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